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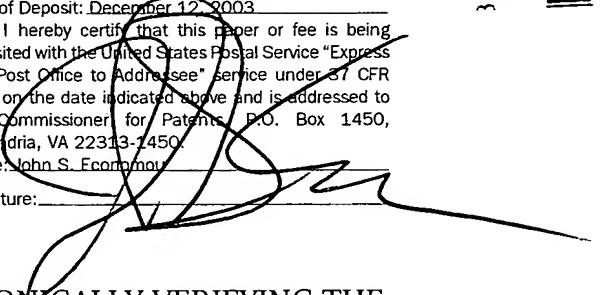
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Re: New U.S. Patent Application
Title: APPARATUS FOR ELECTRONICALLY VERIFYING THE AUTHENTICITY OF CONTENTS WITHIN A CONTAINER
Inventors: Claessens et al.
Our File: 46505/4

Sir:

Enclosed please find an application for Letters Patent in the name of Timo W. Kipp, Frances M. Claessens and John P. Palmer, entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DETECTING TAMPERING WITH CONTAINERS AND PREVENTING COUNTERFEITING THEREOF, comprising the following:

1. Specification - 14 pages including the Claims (4 independent, 0 dependent) and Abstract of the Disclosure;
2. Drawings - 8 sheets;
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The undersigned asserts that Timo Kipp and Frances M. Claessens, the assignees of the present invention, are entitled to Small-Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27(a)(1).

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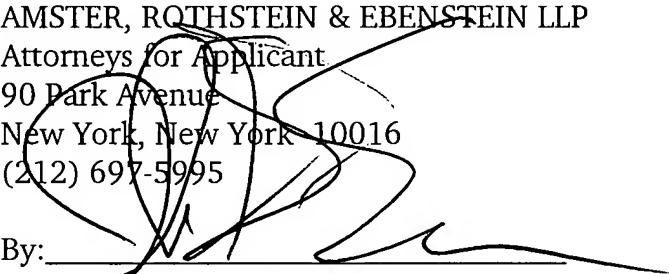
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